



At-A-Glance: Career and Technical Education (CTE)

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Career and Technical Education (CTE), also referred to as vocational education, comprises programs of sequenced courses aligned with industry needs that provide students with skills and knowledge in specific career areas.



CTE is not exclusive to high schools and may be offered in other settings, including career academies, regional career and technical centers, Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology (TCATs), and community colleges.

Students may also participate in CTE through dual enrollment or dual credit programs.

Tennessee's career and technical education programs of study are aligned with the following 16 nationally recognized career clusters:

1. Advanced Manufacturing
2. Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources
3. Architecture and Construction
4. Arts, A/V Technology, and Communications
5. Business Management and Administration
6. Education and Training
7. Finance
8. Government and Public Administration
9. Health Sciences
10. Hospitality and Tourism

